

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 10/051,055

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For: INPUT DATA PROCESSING

DEVICE, DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND COMPUTER

PROGRAM PRODUCT EXCELLENT IN GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE

**FUNCTION AND VERSITILITY** 

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE

Group Art Unit: 2673

Examiner: Tom V Sheng

Confirmation No.: 1789

## COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Upon review of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated October 7, 2004, Applicant's note the following:

In summarizing the claims on page 2, section 2, at lines1-7, the Examiner appears to summarize some of the features recited in independent claim 1, which is directed to an input data processing device. It is to be noted, however, that not every independent claim is directed to a device as the Examiner's assertion appears

Response To Examiner's Amendment/Comment

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to suggest. For instance, independent claim 8 is directed to a data processing

method and independent claim 13 is directed to a computer program product for

executing an input data process by a computer. For example, in lines 4-5, the

Examiner appears to suggest that claims 8 and 13 recite a "position detecting"

portion" and an "output portion." This language, however, is not found in claims 8

and 13.

Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently

distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the

features of the claims. Applicants do not ask for remedial action at this time, unless

of course the Examiner believes further clarification is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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